

IISS Celebrates its Silver Jubilee



Indian Institute of Soil Science, Bhopal celebrated its Silver Jubilee on April 15-16, 2013 with fervour and gaiety. On this occasion Silver Jubilee Seminar was organized and Foundation Day was observed. On 15th April, 2013 Silver Jubilee Seminar on the theme 'Frontier areas of research in soil science' was organized followed by a Panel Discussion on 'Future research in soil science'. Dr. S.S. Khanna, Former Advisor (Agriculture), Planning Commission, acted as Chairman and Dr. N.N. Goswami, Ex-Vice Chancellor, CSUA&T, Dr. P.N. Takkar and Dr. C.L. Acharya Former Directors, and Dr. N.S. Pasricha, Former Director, PRII, Gurgaon graced the occasion. In the seminar six lead articles were presented by eminent scientists on current areas of interest and the institute scientists were the major participants. This was planned to infuse new thinking in the minds of scientists in

the areas where our institute scientists may be encouraged to work. This was followed by panel discussion on 'future research in soil science' in which eminent scientists' panel and institute scientists participated and the new ideas emerged from discussion have been documented. On 16th April, 2013, 26th Foundation Day of the institute was celebrated and the Foundation Day Lecture was also organized to commemorate the completion of Silver Jubilee Year of

the Institute Dr. Charan Das Mahant, Hon'ble Minister of State for Agriculture & Food Processing, Govt. of India was the Chief Guest of the function and Dr. N.N. Goswami, Ex-Vice Chancellor, CSUA&T, Kanpur presided over the function. Director of the Institute presented the achievement of the institute during last 25 years. Past Directors also presented their memoirs with regard to developmental stage of the Institute. The Chief Guest in his address applauded the good work of the institute especially with regard to soil fertility mapping, integrated nutrient management and composting. The Hon'ble Minister also inaugurated the Silver Jubilee Block (Biodiversity and Biotechnology Lab). Dr. N.N. Goswami delivered the Foundation Day Lecture entitled "Soil science at cross roads - way ahead" and the session was chaired by Dr. S.S. Khanna, Former Advisor (Agriculture), Planning Commission. Past developments/achievements in the soil science have been enumerated and also complemented the institute for its achievements. He has also put forward the research agenda for the next 25 years. On the Foundation Day, 18 innovative and progressive farmers were honoured by the Hon'ble Minister. Past Directors and retired institute employees were also honoured on the occasion.

